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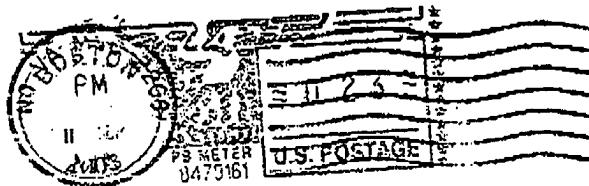
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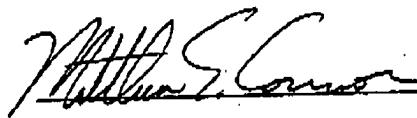
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Susan A. Alie et al.

Serial No.: 10/044,009

Group No: 2814

Filed: January 11, 2002

Examiner: Thao X. Le

For: TIW PLATINUM INTERCONNECT AND METHOD OF MAKING  
THE SAME

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is

a small entity - verified statement:  
 attached.  
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## CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10

I hereby certify that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on September 9, 2003 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" being deposited with the United States Postal Service on September 9, 2003 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" being deposited with the United States Postal Service on September 9, 2003 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL993843434US addressed to the: Mail Stop RCE, P.O. Box 1450, Commissioner of Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments)—If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
— one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 410.00	\$200.00
— three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
— four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
— fifth month	\$1,960.00	\$980.00
Fee \$410.00		

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.  
(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

— An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 410.00

OR

(b) — Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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## FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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**WARNING:** After final rejection or action ( 1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 CFR 1.116(n) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d) as applicable)

(c)  No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d)  Total additional fee for claims required \$\_\_\_\_\_.

## FEE PAYMENT

5.  Attached is a check in the sum of \$410.00.

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A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. X If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 19-0079

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003 and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, the period for response having been extended two (2) months to September 23, 2003 in the concurrently filed Petition for an Extension of Time, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 in connection with the above-identified application.